State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission June 19, 2014 Legislative Office Building

Members Present: Rep. Emil "Buddy" Altobello, Bernard P. Auger, Sen. Joseph J. Crisco, Jr., Lorraine Guilmartin, Robert D. Harris, Jr., William Morgan, John Ruffalo, Dr. Walter W. Woodward

Members Not Present: Commissioner Donald J. DeFronzo, Sally M. Martin, Thomas Ritter, Barry R. Williams

Others Present: Rachel Bishop, Angela Cahill, Eric Connery, Liz Conroy, Jay Drew, Tina Mohr

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

- ♦ The March 27, 2014 meeting minutes were approved by acclamation.
- ♦ *Active projects*: Eric updated the Commission.
 - O Security upgrade: The security upgrade project is nearing completion. The Capitol West entrance (public entrance) metal detectors and package scanners have been installed. We are awaiting the completion of the optical turnstiles installation. The South entrance (Governor's entrance) security vestibule is functional. A Commission member asked if frequent visitors will be allowed to use all entrances. Eric responded that only the individuals carrying valid security badges will be allowed access through the staff/legislator entrances via turnstiles or security vestibules. All other individuals must enter via the Capitol West or LOB West entrances. Additional staffing will be added by the SCPD to monitor the public entrances depending on the number of visitors expected on any given day.
 - o *Skylights:* The skylight removal is complete, and the scaffolding has been disassembled. We are working with Fletcher-Thompson to complete the design drawings for the new structure that will house the restored glass. The restoration contractor has been selected. The restored skylights should be installed after the next legislative session. Additional bond funds will be requested to complete the project.
 - o *Battle flag conservation:* The 22nd and 30th battalion battle flags were delivered to the contracted vendor in Indianapolis. After further examination upon arrival, the flags appear to be in better condition than anticipated. One flag appears to be stained and the colors have run. The conservator was instructed to gently dust the flag, rather than cleaning it. Two more flags are under contract. The conservation of all four of the flags is expected to be completed within the next year.
- *Maintenance and upgrade projects in process or recently completed:* Jay continued with the update.
 - o The Capitol generator feeder cable replacement project has been completed.

- canned lighting, which will produce cleaner light with a longer life.
- O We are investigating options to replace the two porch lifts in the House Chamber. There is also a need to add lifts outside of Room 310, outside of Room 207A and one between the Upper and Lower Concourse to allow wheelchair access to the war memorials. A design consultant will be reviewing the areas tomorrow. The design and installation of the new lifts in the Capitol will require the Commission's approval. The replacement of the existing two lifts in the Capitol should not require the Commission's approval as the existing aesthetic will not be changed.
- ♦ *Projects in design or to be scheduled:*
 - o There is a need to replace the heat pump in the flag storage area on floor $4 \frac{1}{2}$. We have been using a portable air conditioner to keep the area cool. We have awarded a contract to purchase a replacement unit.
 - o Eric added that a funding request for the exterior cleaning and restoration project has been included in the FY '15-16 budget request. The project will likely span several fiscal years if approved. The cost estimate is well over \$7 million.
- *Project checklist update*: Eric reviewed the checklist.
 - We are investigating options for new fixtures for the Capitol dome lighting. We are looking at bond requests to fund some of the other items on the checklist.
 There is funding available to investigate and fix a leak at the end of the Concourse near the Capitol.
- Projects on hold pending funding:
 - The Genius project remains on hold, as does the blast mitigation project and office lighting upgrade.
 - o We have requested \$50,000 for the elevator upgrade in the FY'15-16 budget request.
 - o The boiler replacement project is in design review.
- ♦ *New business:*
 - o Rep. Altobello mentioned that the Soldiers & Sailors Arch is now open for tours every Thursday through October from 12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.
- Selecting the date for the next Commission meeting:
 - Bob Harris suggested a mid-to-late September meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Eric Connery

Elizabeth Conroy